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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

Prospective Yields & Production

Louisiana Prospective Yields & Productions

Louisiana's 2010 rice and sorghum crops are expected to set record yields for the state, while the soybean yield will be the second highest yield on record, if realized. Although dry conditions prevailed early in the growing season, much-needed rainfall was received across the state, improving crop conditions.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 35.5 million cwt, up 22 percent from 2009. Rice acreage for harvest is forecast at 555,000 acres, up 91,000 acres from the 2009 crop. Yield per acre is forecast at 6,400 pounds, up 100 pounds from last year. If realized, this will be the second consecutive year, and the third time in four years, in which the state set a new rice yield record.

Sorghum production is estimated at 8.5 million bushels in the state, up 59 percent from 2009. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 85,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 100 bushels per acre, up 18 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record in the state.

Soybean production is expected to total 40.0 million bushels in Louisiana, up nine percent from 2009. An estimated 1.0 million acres will be harvested, up 60,000 acres from 2009. Yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, up one bushel from last year's yield.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 72.0 million bushels, down 11 percent from a year ago. An estimated 480,000 acres will be harvested for grain, down 130,000 acres from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 150 bushels, is up 18 bushels from the previous year.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 390,000 bales, up 12 percent from last year's crop. An estimated 225,000 acres are expected to be harvested, unchanged from last year. At 832 pounds, the yield per acre forecast is up 87 pounds from 2009.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 12.9 million net tons, down six percent from last year. Acreage expected for harvest (sugar and seed) is 415,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2009. Yield is forecast at 31 net tons per acre, down 1.2 tons from last year.

Louisiana production of **all hay** is estimated at 1.3 million tons, up 23 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 410,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from 2009. Yield, at 3.2 tons per acre, is up .4 ton from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record in the state.

United States Prospective Yields & Productions

Rice production is forecast at 246 million cwt, up 12 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 3.5 million acres, unchanged from the June Acreage report but up 13 percent from 2009. Planted area, at 3.5 million acres, is also unchanged from the June estimate. The average United States yield is forecast at 7,039 pounds per acre, down 46 pounds from last year. If realized, new record-high yields will be achieved in Louisiana and Missouri.

Sorghum production is forecast at 383 million bushels, up slightly from last year. Expected area for harvest as grain is forecast at 5.2 million acres, down six percent from 2009. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 74.1 bushels per acre, up 4.7 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.4 billion bushels, up two percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 44.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year's record high yield. Compared with last year, yields are forecast higher across the northern tier states, with increases of four bushels or more in Minnesota, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Corn production is forecast at a record high 13.4 billion bushels, up two percent from the previous record set in 2009. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average a record high 165.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last year's record of 164.7. Forecasted yields are higher than last year across the upper Mississippi Valley and upper Great Lakes region where moderate temperatures and adequate soil moisture provided favorable growing conditions.

All Cotton production is forecast at 18.5 million 480-pound bales, up 52 percent from last year's 12.2 million bales. Yield is expected to average 837 pounds per harvested acre, up 60 pounds from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 18.0 million 480-pound bales, 53 percent above 2009. Texas producers are expecting a record high production of 8.80 million 480-pound bales, a 90 percent increase from last year. **American Pima** production is forecast at 497,800 bales, up 25 percent from last year.

Sugarcane production (for sugar and seed) is forecast at 30.3 million net tons, down fractionally from 2009. Production increases are expected in Florida and Texas, while decreases are expected in Hawaii and Louisiana. Producers intend to harvest 883,200 acres for sugar and seed in 2010, up 19,300 acres from the Acreage report and up 9,300 acres from last year. Expected yield is forecast at 34.3 net tons per acre, down 0.5 ton from 2009.

All Hay production is forecast at 154 million tons, up four percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.6 tons per acre, up .1 ton from last year. Harvested area, at 59.7 million acres, is virtually the same as the previous year.

CROP REPORT - LOUISIANA

August 1, 2010

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
Corn for grain	610	480	132	150	bushels	80,520	72,000
Upland cotton	225	225	745	832	lbs: bales	349	390
Rice, all	464	555	6,300	6,400	lbs: cwt	29,217	35,520
Sorghum for grain	65	85	82	100	bushels	5,330	8,500
Soybeans	940	1,000	39	40	bushels	36,660	40,000
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	425	415	32.2	31.0	net tons	13,685	12,865
Hay, all	380	410	2.8	3.2	tons	1,064	1,312

CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES

August 1, 2010

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2009	2010	2009	2010		2009	2010
Corn for grain	79,590	81,005	164.7	165.0	bushels	13,110,062	13,365,225
Cotton, all	7,529	10,631	777	837	lbs: bales	12,188	18,534
Rice, all	3,103	3,493	7,085	7,039	lbs: cwt	219,850	245,882
Sorghum for grain	5,520	5,176	69.4	74.1	bushels	382,983	383,435
Soybeans	76,372	77,986	44.0	44.0	bushels	3,359,011	3,433,370
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	873.9	883.2	34.8	34.3	net tons	30,432	30,308
Hay, all	59,755	59,656	2.46	2.58	tons	147,442	153,894

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